

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An energy guide chain system comprising an energy guide chain for guiding cables, hoses or the like between a fixed and a movable connection point, an entrainment portion to which the energy guide chain is connected by way of the movable connection point, and a linear guide channel, wherein the energy guide chain is guided in the form of two runs which are guided in mutually parallel relationship and which are connected to each other by way of a deflection region, characterized in that the entrainment portion has ~~a movable~~ an arm which projects transversely over from the energy guide chain channel with a fastening side for connection to an apparatus which is movable relative to the fixed connection point, the arm movable relative to the guide channel and connected slidably in its longitudinal direction to the movable connection point and fastened by a non-pivoting connection to said apparatus and wherein the spacing between the fastening side of said arm and the energy guide chain is variable in a travel component in transverse relationship with the longitudinal direction of the runs of the energy guide chain, further characterised in that ~~there is provided a~~ the guide channel in the form of a hollow profile with two oppositely disposed side walls adjacent to ~~against~~ which the ~~side walls of the two~~ runs and the deflection region of the energy guide chain are guided ~~bear with a slight clearance~~, wherein the hollow profile has a passage extending in the longitudinal direction for the

entrainment portion, and that the entrainment portion is arranged entirely outside the space extending between the two runs.

2. (Currently Amended) An energy guide chain system according to claim 1 characterised in that the entrainment portion has a sliding block which is connected to the ~~movable~~ said arm and which forms the movable connection point and is arranged displaceably in the passage of the guide channel.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Withdrawn) An energy guide chain system according to claim 1 characterised in that the movable arm is in the form of a pivot arm which at the fastening side is pivotably connected by way of a joint to a holding portion which can be connected to the movable apparatus, and which with its side towards the movable connection point is pivotably connected by way of a further joint to a holding portion connected to the movable connection point.

8. (Withdrawn) An energy guide chain system according to claim 7 characterised in that the joints are in the form of ball joints.

9. (Withdrawn) An energy guide chain system according to claim 1 characterised in that the movable arm has a channel for guiding the cables, hoses and the like from the movable connection point to the fastening side.

10. (Withdrawn) An energy guide chain system according to claim 9 characterised in that arranged in the channel is an energy guide chain for receiving the cables, hoses and the like, which in the channel is fixedly connected at the fastening side of the movable arm and which is connected at its movable end to the movable connection point.

11. (Previously Presented) A sliding door system for a vehicle comprising a vehicle body which has a door opening, and a sliding door which for opening and closing is displaceable along a path which is non-linear relative to the vehicle body, characterised by an energy guide chain system according to claim 1, which is arranged adjoining the door opening in the vehicle body or the sliding door and serves for guiding cables, hoses or the like from the vehicle body to the sliding door, wherein the sliding door or the vehicle body respectively forms the apparatus which is movable relative to the guide channel.

12. (Withdrawn) A sliding door system according to claim 11 characterised in that provided adjoining the door opening of the vehicle body and extending in parallel relationship with the path of the sliding door, which is non-linear relative to the vehicle body, is at least one correspondingly non-linear guide rail in which the sliding door is mounted displaceably by way of a holding apparatus.

13. (Withdrawn) A sliding door system according to claim 12 characterised in that the holding apparatus has a holding arm which is fastened in the region of the sliding

door, which is the leading region in the direction of travel of the vehicle, which holding arm at its free end has a pinion drivable by way of a motor drive arranged in the sliding door, and that provided in the guide rail is a rack into which the pinion engages for displacement of the sliding door.

14. (Withdrawn) A sliding door system according to claim 13 characterised in that the rack and the guide rail are made in one piece.

15. (Withdrawn) A sliding door system according to claim 13 characterised in that the rack and the guide rail are made from plastic material.

16. (Withdrawn) A sliding door system according to claim 12 characterised in that the holding apparatus has a pivot stirrup which is fastened in the region of the sliding door, which is the rear region in the direction of travel of the vehicle, which pivot stirrup is pivotably connected to the sliding door about a respective pivot axis which is perpendicular in the installation position and is pivotably and slidably mounted with the other end in a further guide rail.

17. (Currently Amended) A sliding door system for a vehicle comprising a vehicle body which has a door opening, and a sliding door which for opening is displaceable substantially parallel to the door opening outwardly entirely out of same along a non-linear path and which for closing is displaceable along the path into the door opening, comprising an energy guide chain system which is arranged adjoining the door

opening in the vehicle body or the sliding door and serves for guiding cables, hoses or the like from the vehicle body to the sliding door, wherein the energy guide chain system has an energy guide chain for guiding the cables, hoses or the like, which is movable in the form of two runs which are arranged in mutually parallel relationship and which are connected to each other by way of a deflection region, and which has a fixed and a movable connection point for the cables, hoses or the like, a linear guide channel and an entrainment portion to which the energy guide chain is connected by way of the movable connection and which is provided with an arm which projects transversely over said channel, with a non-pivotal fastening side for connection to the sliding door or the vehicle body, and which extends entirely outside the space extending between the two runs, characterised in that the two runs extend linearly over the entire path and the arm of the entrainment portion is ~~movable~~ slidable in such a way that the spacing between the fastening side and the energy guide chain is variable in a travel component in transverse relationship with the longitudinal direction of the energy guide chain.

18. (New) An energy guide chain system according to claim 1 characterised in that the movable arm has a slot which extends in its longitudinal direction and through which extends a pin which is fixedly connected to the movable connection point.

19. (New) An energy guide chain system according to claim 1 characterised in that the movable arm is in the form of a telescopic arm.

20. (New) An energy guide chain system according to claim 19 characterised in that the telescopic arm has an outer U-shaped telescopic member and an inner U-shaped telescopic member, which are arranged displaceably one within the other by way of a tongue-and-groove connection.